

WEST TEXAS COLLECTION

Bierschwale-Coombes Collection

2 linear feet

Record ID: A-26

Donor: Mrs. Charles (Eleanor Bierschwale) Coombes

Acquisition: Gift

Access: Open for research

Restrictions: None

Citation: Bierschwale-Coombes Collection, West Texas Collection, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX

Administrative/Biographical History:

Charles Coombes was born in Benjamin, Texas on 3 July 1902. He married Eleanor (Nell) Bierschwale in Mason in 1937. For forty-two years, Coombes was employed by West Texas Utilities in various positions around West Texas. He was also active in civic affairs and the Christian Church.

Scope and Content:

Collection is compiled of two linear feet covering the period from 1860 to 1947 and containing personal and business correspondence; old law books; land abstracts for several West Texas counties; Supreme Court cases; Secretary of State reports; speeches.

Arrangement:

Box	File	Description
1	1	Photographs, most of which are unknown
	2	Letters from 1865 to 1901. Most of the letters revolve around the Breck and Pitts families, especially Etta Pitts the daughter of Hiram Pitts
	3	Letters between the Pitts and Breck families dating from 1866 to 1911; also material pertaining to the Atkinsons and various other individuals.
	4	Variety of letters, again primarily between the Pitts and Breck families; dates range from 1873 to 1908; many are undated.
	5	Letters to and from Etta (Pitts); a few are in French. Dates from 1872 to 1907.
2	1	Materials pertaining to Gustav Schleicher. These are from Mason, Bexar, and San Saba counties; Index to Abstract Deeds dated 1887; ledgers.
	2	Items in the file pertain to Mexico, in particular to a Methodist Institute and a music conservatory and include a number of postcards. Dates range from 1880 to 1902.
	3	Letters in this file are written in either French or German. Most are addressed to

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		Miss Etta Pitts; some include poetry. Dates range from 1874 to 1917 but many are not dated.
	4	Notes and newspaper clippings concerning the Pitts and Breck families. Individuals include: Capt. Peter Pitts, Martha F. Peck, Samuel Richard Thayer, Henry Peck, Mrs. Juliet Rublee, Dr. Sylvanus Emmons Parker, Gen. Breck, Dr. S.B. Buckley.